

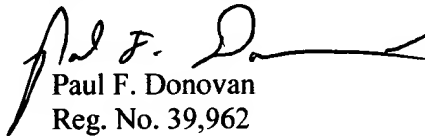
Claims 11, 13 and 23-25 depend from one of claims 9 and 21 and, therefore, are allowable for the same reasons applied thereto as well as for the additional subject matter recited in each.

Accordingly, reconsideration of the rejected claims and allowance of all of the remaining pending claims is respectfully requested.

No new matter has been added by way of the amendments and remarks made herein.

In the event that there are any issues that can be expedited by telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number indicated below.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE TO CLAIMS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 9 and 21 were amended. Additions are underlined and deletions are show in brackets.

9. (Thrice Amended) A headrest assembly for connecting a headrest with respect to a seat frame of a vehicle, the headrest assembly comprising:

a headrest guide having two, generally cylindrical sleeves, each sleeve forming a channel, the two sleeves rigidly interconnected in a fixed parallel relationship with respect to one another so that the channel of each sleeve is parallel with the other, the headrest guide being formed as a single, [forming an] integrally molded, unitary component;

a headrest insert; and

two generally parallel rods, each rod fixed at one end with respect to the headrest insert and slidable at an opposite end with respect to one channel in the headrest guide.

21. (Twice Amended) A headrest assembly for connecting a headrest to a seat frame, the headrest assembly comprising:

a headrest guide attached to the seat frame and being formed as a single, [forming a] unitary molded component having two, generally cylindrical sleeves, said sleeves being interconnected in a fixed parallel relationship with one another and each sleeve forming a channel wherein centerlines of each channel are parallel with respect to one another; and

a headrest insert having two generally parallel rods, each rod fixed at one end with respect to the headrest insert and slidable at an opposite end with respect to one channel in the headrest guide.